TAFT NOT TIED TO ROOSEVELT

STRANGE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COLUMBUS HEADQUARTERS.

Quotes the Press to Say That He Could Not Be Influenced by One So Impulsive as the Occupant of the White House-Not Bound to Rossevelt's Policies Either.

Washington, March 8.-Lèse majesté is the latest literature of the Taft campaign bureau at Columbus, Ohio. This is the headquarters of Arthur I. Vorys, commander in chief of the big Secretary's Presidential fence builders. Mr. Vorys is as busy with furninous literature as a mining stock broker in boom times, and flashlights on the political situation are not unusual from his office.

The latest is calculated on its face to have some people ait up and take notice. It disclaims any admission that the leading Republican candidate for the Presidency is tied to the Roosevelt policies and lays it down as a patent fact that a man of his astuteness and advanced attainments could not be influenced in his judgment by one so impulsive as the occupant of the White

These are the heads: "Business Hope Lies on Taft, Assert Taft Is Best Candidate": "Big Wall Street House Calls on Financial Interests to Assist in Nomina-

And here are some of the clinching argu-

"Mr. Taft's long record is distinctly against any conclusion that he would continue Mr. Roosevelt's methods.

"He has displayed brains, ability, good judgment, and, above all, sanity, in the great and successful accomplishments of nis career.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that there is a temperamental difference in the two men, Roosevelt and Taft. By nature and by training as a lawyer and as a Judge. Mr. Taft has already manifested a thoughtful attitude in his judgment and great deliberation and consideration in his actions.

"Neither is it conceivable that a man of his force of character would be controlled when in the full power of the Presidency by any outside personality."

Now the press bureau does not stand for all this over its own signature, so to speak. It is only telling what other people say and putting it on its own letterheads. Men are quoted and newspapers are quoted by extracts which put the War Secreatry up and the President decidedly down and

One flareback at the head of the nation, and in popular opinion the erstwhile pilot of the Taft boom, is from the Wall Street Journal (date February 20), which says that Wall Street has suddenly awakened to the belief that Taft is to be the next Republican candidate for President, and that "in spite of the fact that he is Roosevelt's own candidate, picked out by the President a year ago, and that he indorses the President's policies in every public address, he nevertheless possesses many attractive qualities as a statesman." The Wall Street Jourwal then proceeds to emphasize Taft's possession of "judicial and diplomatic qual-

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., through the medium of the Tast bureau, which copies the financial letter, reassure the business world. They make a distinct differentiation between the policies advocated by Mr. Roosevelt and the methods employed

"These financial interests," they say, "sore from the slaughter produced by Mr. Roosevelt's methods, have looked with distrust upon Mr. Taft as the heir not only of the Roosevelt policies but also of the Roosevelt methods. From information that we have received we now believe that this is a mis-Then the Wall Street firm proceeds to

disclose that Taft has "brains" and "sanity.' and while he would carry out the Roosevelt policies, his long record is "distinctly against any conclusion that he would continue Mr.

Then there is a clipping from the Ohio State Journal, wherein that paper rejoiceth much to observe the change of heart and awakening to the true sitnation by the financial interests of the country, to which is added, by way of illustration, the announcement that one of the best known New York Stock Exchange houses had "come out for Mr. Taft" in their weekly financial letter.

The press bureau gives to the world this letter, evidently not only with approval but jubilation, and it is therein that the quotations used at the head of this article are to be found.

It appears that the "hot stuff" has been widely distributed. The envelope in which the press matter is enclosed bears the imprint of the Taft headquarters, room 811, New First National Bank Building, Columbus, Ohio. Other marks of identification are with the enclosures.

COURTEOUS MR. BONAPARTE. Declines to Bandy Epithets but Says He Is

Going to Try to Stop Peenage. BALTIMORE, March 8 .- When asked this evening whether he cared to make a reply to the bitter speech made against him in the House by Representative Clark of Florida, who called him a "transplanted bud of alleged French nobility." Attorney-General Bonaparte smiled blandly and said:

"I do not wish to say anything about any speech delivered in either house of Congress. I have had applied to me a good many more or less elegant descriptions in the course of an ill spent life. I have been called 'Souphouse Charley' by one of our local statesmen and the 'Imperial

Peacock of Park avenue' by another. I have survived them all.

"As to peonage, it is simply the revival a congenial environment of the custom generally prevalent in half civilized compensations." munities of making real or pretended debtors the slaves of alleged creditors until they work out the debt by service.

This coatom is still lawful in some unplightened communities in the United

Mr. Bonaparte then quoted several cases to show that it had been denounced as a rime by the United States courts and delared that the Department of Justice would take vigorous steps to put an end

Jerome's Reply to King Charges Ready. District Attorney Jerome completed yes-He refused erday his reply to W. F. King. to make any statement regarding it except to say that he should go to Albany to-day to deliver his reply personally to Gov. HARRIMAN'S GEORGIA CENTRAL. ROOSEVELT IN STORMY MOOD Owns the Road and Will Turn It Over to the Illinois Central

ATLANTA, March 8 .- E. H. Harriman, having defeated Stuyvesant Fish and retained control of the Illinois Central, has authorized the official announcement that he is the owner of the Central of Georgia Railway. Harriman makes this announcement through the Georgia Railroad Comission, to which he imparted the fact of his ownership some time ago, but asked that it not be made public until the fight for the control of the Illinois Central was settled.

Chairman McLendon of the commission says that the Central was asked some time ago to furnish the names of its owners, and Major J. F. Hanson, president of the road, and Vice-President Winburn called upon the commission and said that they had come by direction of Mr. Harriman himself to bring the information that it was Mr. Harriman who had purchased the road.

It was explained that the sale made by the Southern Railway to Oakleigh Thorne and Marsden J. Perry of the Southern's holding in Georgia Central stock was to Harriman, that he paid \$3,000,000 for the stock and that Thorne and Perry received a commission of 5 per cent., or \$150,000, for negotiating the transaction.

Chairman McLendon says that the commission was requested by Major Hanson to withhold the information from the public for a reasonable time for the reason that it was Harriman's intention to transfer the road to the Illinois Central, but that at that time the ownership of that road was in litigation. This request the commission granted, and it has withheld the information until now. Chairman McLendon says that as the litigation to which Major Hanson referred has been terminated by the establishment of Harriman's claim remains no reason why the facts

should be further withheld. By the acquisition of the Central of Georgia the Illinois Central gains an outlet to the Atlantic seaboard at Savannah. The Illinois Central and the Georgia Central make physical connections at Birmingham, Ala. In the statement made to the Georgia commission it was intimated that if Harriman lost control of the Illinois Central he would turn the Central of Georgia over to the Southern Pacific and connect the roads by building a line from Montgomery to New Orleans.

CZAR SPARES STOESSEL'S LIFE.

Sentence for Surrender of Port Arthur Reduced to Ten Years in Fortress.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, March 8 .- It is unofficially stated that the Czar has commuted the death sentence imposed on Gen. Stoessel for surrendering Port Arthur to ten years imprisonment in a fortress.

It is expected that on the ground of ill health a full pardon will be granted him shortly

MURDERS OFFICIAL IN PRISON. Two Convicts Attack Warden and Benuty

in an Attempt to Escape. BUTTF, Mon., March 8 .- Deputy Warden John Robinson of the State penitentiary was killed this morning, Warden Frank Conley was seriously wounded and George Rock and W. H. Hayes, convicts, were shot and seriously wounded as a result of an attempt by the two convicts to escape from prison. Rock is serving a life sentence for murder. Haves is in for a short term for burglary and was a trusty.

They purposely disobeyed a rule and were called into the warden's office. Immediately on entering Rock drew a penknife and cut Robinson's throat. He died in a few minutes. Haves made an attack on Conley and the latter emptied his revolver at the two convicts, five shots taking effect in their bodies, but they overpowered the warden and were slashing at his throat when a guard entered and beat the convicts

down with a club. A third convict was implicated in the plot to escape, but fled back to his cell when Robinson was stabbed. The wounded convicts are in a critical condition, but Warden Conley's wounds are not serious. Rock had made two previous attempts to escape, but each was frustrated.

CZARINA NOT IN ITALY. Secretary Says She Does Not Intend to Leave Russia at Present.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, March 8 .- The Czarina's secretary says that the Czarina has not left Tsarskoe-Selo and that she does not intend to go abroad at present.

END OF HOTEL BARRINGTON. The Eight Houses It Takes In to Be Remodelled Into Offices.

The Hotel Barrington, one of the landnarks of Long Acre, is to be abandoned and the series of buildings it occupies are to be remodelled into an office building. The end of the old hotel comes on May 1.

Forty years ago John Jacob Astor put up eight four story brownstone residences on the west side of Broadway between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets. The series was a counterpart of the one in the block above which was torn down a few years ago to make way for the Hotel Astor.

Then, fifteen years later, J. Jay Alle came to this city from Rhode Island, and securing possession of two of the houses connected them and opened the Hotel Barrington. The name came from Mr. Allen's home town of Barrington, R. I.

One by one Mr. Allen joined the othe residences to his hotel until he had all eight and his hotel occupied the Broadway block, with 120 rooms. The connection of the separate houses was made in a half hearted manner, which left the hotel a hearted manner, which left the hotel a labyrinth of passages and steps. But perhaps this only added to its oziness. At any rate the rooms were always filled and the hotel's reputation extended as far as theatrical people travel—which is very far indeed. The hotel always has made a special appeal to professionals and many of the best known actors and actresses have called the rambling build.

actresses have called the rambling build-ing "home." ing home."

Three years ago Mr. Allen, feeling the press of newcomers about him, moved his dining room up from the ground floor to the second floor and let the ground floor for shops. Then a big electric sign was stretched across the top of the building to advertise a cleaning establishment. But the hotel, dingy as it appeared to a stranger on the street, still kept its custom, and its rooms were usually well filled. A few months ago Mr. Allen's wife died. This loss, his friends say, decided him to give up the botel.

There is a bronze tablet on the building, with these words:
"On this spot George Washington and Gen. Putnam met the day before the Battle of Bariera."

LAWYER AND THREE SENATORS SEE HIM SIT IN JUDGMENT.

Would Hang Harry Thaw and Jurers Who Failed to Convict Rim, but Thaw Was Right to Kill White, He Said-Prison for Malefactors of Great Wealth Too.

BUTTE, Mon., March 8 .- Jesse B. Root, former private counsel for Senator Clark, has returned from Washington after a fruitless personal appeal to President Roosevelt to pardon Richard B. Shepherd, a prominent Salt Lake attorney who was convicted on a technical charge of using the mails to disseminate obscene literature. Shepherd advised an inquirer by letter where a certain book could be obtained. He was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Mr. Roo. tells of the remarkable interview he had with the President. The petition for pardon had been signed by Congressmen, Judges and Senators.

Accompanied by Senators Sutherland and Smoot of Utah and Senator Long of Kansas, Mr. Root appeared before the President. The party was ushered into the private office. "The President scarcely waited for an introduction," Mr. Root says, "before he commenced a tirade such as I never heard from the mouth of a man presumed to hold a high position.

" 'I am against you, I am against you, said President Roosevelt. 'I am surprised that any man should come to me for a pardon for a man who would dare to keep such a book in his library. You all the students in which she says: ought to be in prison for life for even asking such a thing, and Shepherd should be there for the rest of his life.

"For nearly an hour the President kept up his tirade," said Root. "He attacked the heads of trusts and said that all such malefactors should be in prison. He went on in this strain, abusing all persons and men that differed with him in opinion, and he finally reached Harry K. Thaw.

"'Thaw,' he said, 'ought to have been hanged,' adding that if he had his way Thaw would be hanged before sundown. He said all the members of both juries who failed to convict Thaw ought to be hanged with him. He said it was right for Thaw to kill White, but that Thaw should suffer leath also and immediately.

"The President was not at all familiar with the facts in Shepherd's case," said Mr. Root, "although he pretended to be. The mere fact that he had been accused by a Grand Jury and convicted by a Federal jury appeared to be sufficient to condemn Mr. Shepherd to penal servitude for life. "Mr. Roosevelt talked for nearly an hour.

and it was impossible for me or any of the Senators with me to say a word. I made several ineffectual attempts to correct the President, but he paid no more attention me than if I had been one of his footmen. "He grew wild with rage and would listen

to nothing. Finally I started to talk, and we both talked together for fifteen minutes. I became disgusted, as did my associates Mr. Roosevelt finally folded up the petition anc wrote on the back: 'Denied: this man ought to be in prison for the balance of his life.' Then he handed it to his clerk for filing."

POLICE AT MRS. D. P. MORGAN'S. A Midnight Call That the Detective Bureau

Won't Tell Anything About. Just before midnight last night the telephone operator at Police Headquarters called up the West Thirtieth street station and said that a policeman was wanted at once at the home of Mrs. David Pierce Morgan, 70 Park avenue. The Tenderloin station understood that a burglary had been committed or attempted at Mrs. Morgan's, and Detective Roland was hustled

Roland reported back to the station house in a short time and said he had found Lieut. William Brown of the Detective Bureau already on the case at the Morgan House. Brown had said he could handle the case alone, and didn't give Roland any idea as

to what it was. A reporter who went to the house saw D. Percy Morgan, son of Mrs. Morgan. "I wanted to ask about the burglary,"

"There hasn't been any burglary," reolied Mr. Morgan.

"Well, perhaps it was only a robbery, continued the reporter. "There hasn't been anything of any sort

here," said Mr. Morgan. Efforts were made later to learn about the case over the telephone, but it was said at the house that every one was a sleep, although at that hour the house was lighted from top to hottom. Headquarters declined to reveal the nature of the call it had re-

ceived for help or to tell what had happened. With Mrs. Morgan live her son, D. Percy; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridgeley Carter, Miss Mildred Carter and Miss Harriet D. Fellowes, 2d. Mrs. Morgan's son was formerly the husband of Edith Parsons, sister of Herbert

WOULDN'T BAIL CHAUFFEUR.

Banker Speyer Balks at the Sixth Arrest but Afterward Relents. Clive Merry, chauffeur for Leo Speyer, the

panker, of 17 Fast Fighty-second street, was arrested yesterday morning for speeding on Sixth avenue. He notified his employer, who went to the Yorkville police court to bail him out.

Magistrate Kernochan held Merry rial in Special Sessions and made the bail \$100. As Mr. Speyer was about to sign the bond Sergt. Casey, who made the arrest, informed the Magistrate that Merry had been arrested five times and convicted twice for violating the speed law. Honor then increased the bond to \$500 and explained why he did so.

"Well, I didn't know that about him. ['ll not go on his bond," said Mr. Speyer. "Would you see me locked up?" asked Merry.

"Yes; you deserve to be locked up," sponded his employer indignantly. "I was never arrested while in your service during the last year."

"I don't know about that."
The chauffeur pleaded, and after a time his employer relented and signed the bond.

TOUR TO SEE WASHINGTON.
Only \$12.00 or \$14.50 covers necessary expenses for three days. Leaves Thursday, March 12, via Pennsylvania Rallicad,—Adv.

Point Loma Gets Message for Navy Department Direct From Admiral Evans.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8 .- The Point Loma wireless station received this morning a message from Admiral Evans on the Connecticut for the Navy Department. The operator at Point Loma was unable to tell where the Connecticut was when the message was sent, as signals telling latitude and longitude were not distinguishable.

The Connecticut left Callao on February 29. The Point Loma operator was greatly surprised to get a message direct from Admiral Evans, as messages were expected to come through the cruiser South Dakota. It is believed the vessels won't reach Magdalena before the 15th.

VALLEJO, Cal., March 8 .- The first message direct from the battleship fleet, received at Mare Island Navy Yard, came late last night through the cruiser St. Louis. The operator picked up a message from Admiral Evans to the Navy Department It showed the fleet steaming at regular speed 1,300 miles south of Magdalena.

All the wireless operators on the coast are striving to beat the record on messages from the fleet.

WELLESLEY GIRLS AND BRIDGE Professor Calls Game Mental Chewing Gum for Addlepates.

WELLESLEY, Mass., March S. - Miss Clare M. Howard, professor of rhetoric and composition at Wellesley College, who never sat. in a game of whist, severely scores bridge playing among the students Miss Howard has issued a statement to

"The bridge playing fever does not abate. It threatens to become a fixed form of relaxation in college, especially among women who cannot, like their brothers, go out at night to break street lamps, pester the policemen and make such like protests against the higher life.

The rowdiest college boy, however, does not probably spend so much time in his relaxation as does the quiet but constant bridge player in our Wellesley community.

"When one thinks of an undergraduate's ignorance of the world how sad it is to contemplate our foolish virgins playing "Even the emptiest, mind must chew

on something, and bridge provides a sort of mental chewing gum. "To wear the colors of a college woman and to spend half one's time in emulating the accomplishments of addlepates is to

be a trailer in the camp. "There are accomplishments of society vomen which college girls might cultivatebeautiful voice, beautiful movements and every sort of care for the body-but not the trick of playing bridge, that last infirmity of empty minds.

GOT A THIEF GOING TO WORK.

Jerome Detectives Scent a Crime Before an Idea Had Evolved Into Action. Detectives Kesselmark and Russo of

the District Attorney's office recognized a man who passed them last night at 118th under his coat as a man who was lined up for inspection in the Detective Bureau a few days ago. They stopped him and the bulge proved to be due to a large steel nut in his coat pocket.

The detectives say the man admitted he was Joseph Woods, recently released from Sing Sing after serving a term for burglary When the detectives found a glasscutter his pocket he told them candidly, they say, that he was bound for a place where he intended to cut a show window, knock it out with the steel nut and then make away with valuable articles.

They locked him up in Headquarters.

MINE STRIKE SEEMS CERTAIN. Men to Demand an Advance Wages on April 1.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 8 .- The State convention of Indiana miners at Terre Haute last night demanded unanimously that the national convention, which meets in this city next Thursday, shall ask for an increase in the wage scale for the coming mining year.

The delegates also pledged themselves to stand back of their officers in the demand, plainly indicating that they would indorse a suspension of miping after April 1 if the increase is not granted by the operators.

Word reaches the miners' headquarter here that many of the delegates have been instructed by their locals to demand an increase, and there is now little doubt but the national officers will have to accede to the demand and indorse a scale of wages that they know in advance the operators

will oppose.

The Indiana operators, who are very take a gloomy view of the situation because the demand will come at a time when nearly all values are declining and an increase of wages is practically impossible

LOOK FOR A "LARGE RED CAR." That's All Kahn Knows of the Auto That Caused Him a Bad Fall.

Louis J. Kahn, a horse dealer and proprietor of the Saratoga Stables at 153 East 126th street, was riding a green saddle horse in Central Park yesterday morning and was near the West Ninetieth street entrance when an automobile frightened the horse. The animal reared and threw Kahn. He is a hea vy man, weighing about 220 pounds. The horse ran along about fifty vards, dragging Kahn, whose foo

had caught in a stirrup.

E. J. Stern, Kahn's partner, who was riding along behind, made speed ahead and caught the horse. Kahn was not badly hurt. He was taken to his home, 2026 Madison avenue, where he is nursing his bruises. bruises.

He says that when he turned off the bridle path he held up his hand so that the auto-mobile would slow down, fearing that the horse would slow down, rearing that the horse would cut up. According to Kahn, the car didn't slack and he is going to complain to Commissioner Bingham and the Park Department. The description he has is of a large red touring car seating five persons. He hasn't the number.

Cranford, (N. J.) Schools Closed. CRANFORD, N. J., March 8 .- The Board

of Education has ordered the public schools of this place closed because there are so many cases of contagious diseases in the town. At present there are forty cases of measles, three of scarlet fever and three of diphtheria.

WIRELESS FROM THE FLEET. W. K. VANDERBILT, JR., CAUGHT

AFTER HE HAD SPEEDED AWAY FROM A BICYCLE COP.

If the Cop Hadn't Pursued David W. Bishop to the Long Island Ferry He Wouldn't Have Get Mr. Vanderbilt-Mr. Bishop Does the Honors as to Cash Ball.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., of 666 Fifth venue and David W. Bishop of 341 Madison avenue were both caught speeding their automobiles yesterday and arrested after a chase in which the bicycle policeman chose Mr. Bishop as his quarry and was led to the trail taken by Mr. Vanderbilt, who had first got away from the policeman.

Mr. Vanderbilt came down Madison avenue alone in a racing runabout when Policeman James Martin spotted him. Martin motioned to him to stop. Mr. Vanderbilt either did not see him or decided to keep on his way, for he passed the policeman at the rate of thirty miles an hour. This was at Forty-first street. Martin fell in behind and gave chase, but Mr. Vanderbilt continued to gain. Martin got close enough, however, to read the number on the rear of the machine, which was 15137, and then the Vanderbilt auto disappeared in a cloud of dust.

Just as Martin gave up. Mr. Bishop came whizzing by in the rear of the Vanderbilt car. This acted like an orange flag for Martin. The car and the policeman wound around several streets and finally pulled up against the East River at the Long Island ferry. Mr. Bishop got his car on the ferryboat just as the ferryboat captain pulled the starting whistle, and it looked for a minute as if Martin was left again. With a toot from his police whistle the policeman went scorching on the ferryboat as the gates closed behind him, and he had Mr.

Bishop cornered. "Hold this boat!" yelled Martin to the ferry master.

Martin then went up to Mr. Bishop and placed him under arrest. As the Bishop car backed off the boat it disclosed to the view of the policeman car

No. 15137 in the alley ahead.
"Me other bird," grunted the nearly winded cop, and he went forward to interview the owner.

Mr. Vanderbilt was a little surprised, but smiled when told he was under arrest. "You will have to back off." said Martin. "I'll be obliged if you will allow me to

take the car over to Long Island City, and then I will return," said Mr. Vanderbilt. "Nothing doing," returned Martin sus piciously. Mr. Vanderbilt thereupon followed Mr. Bishop in a backing up contest. The Van-

derbilt car was left in a shed, and he and the

policeman got into Mr. Bishop's car and vent to the East Thirty-fifth street station house, where they interviewed Lieut. Nolan. Mr. Bishop with a promptness born evidently of experience pulled out a \$100 bill and tendered it to the Lieutenant and, seeing Mr. Vanderbilt fumbling in his pockets, said "Allow me" and produced another for

to the ferry. FIREMEN FIND DEAD WOMAN Who Apparently Wandered for Shelter Into

the latter. The two then left and returned

Tenement Which Burned. Firemen Brown and Stevens of Truck 16, engaged in washing down after a fire which swept through a five story tenement at 201 East Fifty-ninth street late on Saturday night, found the body of a woman in a room on the top floor yesterday afternoon. There had been many rescues and a rollcall had accounted for

all the tenants. No one in the house knew the woman. The body was taken to the East Sixtyseventh street police station and after it had been viewed by all the tenants of the house it was removed to the Morgue The police believe that the woman, who was about 50 years old and poorly dressed. had taken shelter in the hallway of the tenement and when the fire started on the first floor ran to the top floor to escape.

ATTACK ON PATI A PLOT? Police Charge Man Caught Running Away

as an Accomplice. That the police think Saturday's attack on Pasquale Pati, the banker, was the work of a gang of blackmailers rather than the chance act of one man became evident yesterday when Detective Micel'i arraigned in the Jefferson Market police court the man who was caught running away from the bank at 240 Elizabeth street immediately after

the shooting. This man, who gives his name as Michele D'Agostino of 343 Water street, was held at Police Headquarters on Saturday merely as a material witness. When he was brought before Magistrate Corrigan vesterday the police charged him with being an accomplice of the man who attempted to kill Pati and who got three bullets in him. D'Agostino was held for examination

The Italian squad learned yesterday that the man whom Pati shot is a Sicilian from Aqua Viva. He has been in this country about three years, lately living at an Italian boarding house at 241 Elizabeth street. Aithough he gives his name now as Giusepi e Saria, his long valise is marked Giusepre Micelli, and in his baggage is an Italian passport made out to Francesco Pellatio, permitting him to come to Schenectady, N. Y., to find work. This bears a date in 1905.

Lieut: Petrosino believes that Sapia has also used these two names in his operations. The police have not been able to identify Saria as yet with any known band of black-mailers. Some of Petrosino's men incline

42 DIVISION ON FIRE AGAIN Three Blazes This Time, None Accidental -Maybe It's a Race War.

to the belief that the man was de

The regular weekly fire in the five story tenement at 42 Division street, where fortytwo families, some Jews and some Chinamen, live, was varied last night by being multiplied by three. As in the five other cases which have been reported to the police, the fires last night were started in paper lying in the hall on the third floor of the in each instance last night Isaac Ylaykach

and Isauore Mescher, tenants in the house, smelled the smoke and stamped out the flames before they got really dangerous. The fires were reported to the police of the Ekiridge street station and the fire marshal was notified. None of the month's fires was notified. None of the month's fires in the place has been at all serious, and the police are of the opinion that one or the other of the nationalities in the house are trying to scare their neighbors out.

EXCITEMENT IN JAPAN.

London Despatches, Hawever, Say Nothin of Ultimatum to China.

Special Gable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8 .- A telegram from Tokio dated to-day refers to the growing excitement in Japan over the Tatsu Maru affair, but says nothing of an ultimatum or of an apology by China.

The Japanese Embassy in London has given out a statement to the press confirming THE SUN'S Shanghai despatch of March 6 that China had offered to apologize for the seizure of the steamer and to punish the naval commander who made the seizure. The statement adds that China has promised to make a further reply regarding the arms and ammunition seized on board the Tatsu Maru.

Nothing is said about the release of the steamer or the payment of an indemnity.

WOMAN'S 1,200 FOOT TUMBLE. Falls and 6lides Down Snowy Mountain-

side and is Found Unconscious. Los ANGELES, Cal., March 8 .- Miss Eleanor Greene, daughter of Major Frank Greene, U.S.A., fell and slid 1,200 feet over a precipice on Mount Wilson about a week ago and sustained such serious injuries that for a time her life was despaired of. The story was not told until physicians declared her out of danger.

Miss Greene went out alone from the Alpine Tavern on the mountain and chose the Rim trail for a walk. When she reached a dangerous spot known as the Knob she slipped and fell about 100 feet to the deep snow on a shelving rock, where she lost consciousness. Then she slid and was found 1,200 feet below on the mountainside by friends from the tavern.

MAGOON BACK IN CUBA. Cheered by Carnival Crowds as He Joined in Confetti Throwing.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, March 8 .- Gov. Magoon, who has been to Washington in connection with matters relating to the Administration here, arrived to-day from Key West on the Cuban revenue cutter Hatney. Salutes were fired from Morro Castle and the Cabanas Fortress as the cutter entered

the harbor. There were many persons at the mole to welcome the Governor and pay their respects. He drove immediately to the palace, where he remained until the afternoon, when in company with Capt. Ryan, his aide, he rode through the streets in an automobile, participating in the carnival. throwing serpentinas and confettl and being thrown at in return by many in the crowds.

He was heartily cheered. The carnival has been a grand success many of the tourists here taking part in it.

FALLS 30 FEET AT A FIRE. Watchman Tumbles From a Fire Escape at a Factory in Brooklyn. Policeman Anderson of the Vernon avenue

station, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning discovered a fire in the cap shop of Goldberg Bros. on the ground floor of a six story brick factory building at 988 and 990 Myrtle avenue. When the firemen reached the scene the blaze had spread to the tailor shop of Joseph Levy on the second floor. firemen difficult and a second alarm was turned in. Thickly populated tenements were menaced and their occupants had to

Nothing had been seen or heard of the factory watchman, David Schachter, and for a while it was thought that he had perished He was finally found on a rear third story fire escape. In trying to descend the smoke overwhelmed him and he fell thirty feet to an extension. He was seriously hurt. The fire did \$5,000 damage.

TOLD SECRETS TO THE KAISER. Lord Tweedmouth Now Accused of Re-

vealing Naval Estimates. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 9 .- The Times gives prominence to an anonymous letter implying that Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, in answering the Kaiser's letter to him, communicated either fully or substantially the British navy estimates, of

which Parliament was not then in possession. TO MAKE SCHOOLS MORE SAFE. Cleveland Will Dismiss Children for Two

Weeks While Alterations Are Making. CLEVELAND, March 8 .- The public schools of Cleveland will be closed for two weeks as a result of the investigation started by the fire at the Collinwood Lakeview school The spring vacation will begin on Tuesday instead of two weeks later, and during the time the schools are closed the doorways will be altered and fire escapes will be erected on those buildings needing

For two days Director Orr, the building inspector, and the chief of the fire department have been making an investi-

gation of the school buildings. "From the conditions we found none of us was willing to take the responsibility of permitting the schools to remain open until certain changes are made," said Director Orr. "It was found that more than 80 per cent. of the schools are what the fire chief terms 'inflammable.' To prevent a repetition of the Collinwood disaster \$600,-000 will be spent to put the schoolhouses in proper shape."

MAY BREAK DIAMOND MONOPOLY. Contract Between De Beers and Premier Cos. Expiring-Stones May Be Cheap.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, March 9.—According to the Daily Mail the diamond monopoly is likely to be broken up soon by the Premier Dia mond Mining Company declaring war on the De Beers company. Their mutual contract expires this month.

There is every probability that the deal will not be renewed, and in that case the diamond syndicate will sell stones for the De Beers company, while the Premier company will sell for itself in competition with the former company. The cessation of diamond buying for

America has led to this situation, the diamond syndicate being unable to afford longer to take the Premier's output. There is every chance of diamonds now becoming cheap.

Saleons in Daylight Only. LINCOLN, Neb., March 8 .- The excise board last night adopted a rule pro-

LESS PAY FOR RAILROAD MEN

BOSTON AND MAINE ASKS ITS EMPLOYEES TO CONSENT

To a Reduction of 5 Per Cent. to Last Until July 1, So That Men May Not Be Laid Off-Other Railroads Facing a

Similar Situation, So Washington Hears.

Boston, March *.- Because of decre sarnings President Tuttle of the Boston and Maine Railroad has asked the conductors, trainmen and firemen to accept a 5 per cent. wage reduction. In a diroular letter addressed to the three bodies Mr. Tuttle says:

"I desire to make the following suggestions: That all the present sched now in force remain unchanged and unaltered, but that as a temporary matter, and to continue only until July 1, our conductors, trainmen and firemen agree to accept a reduction of 5 per cent. in their wages, computed upon weekly earnings, it being further clearly understood and agreed that beginning upon the first day of July this reduction shall be discontinued.

"If these suggestions are adopted and put into effect it will enable us to give a distribution of employment to a greater number of men than will be possible if we are forced to make a reduction in our payroll expenses solely through the laying off or discharging of men now employed.

*I desire to have it most clearly understood that neither the management of the New York, New Haven and Hartford nor that of any other railroad has anything to do, even in the remotest way, with the control of the affairs of this company. "The emergency in the company's affairs

is more grave than anything that has hither-

to happened within my experience, and I regret to say that the outlook for the future gives no indication of improvement. WASHINGTON, March 8 .- While there is no present intention on the part of the railroads of the United States generally to reduce the wages of their employees, the fear is expressed by Government officials familiar with conditions in the world of transportation that if the existing depression in commerce and trade continues railroads and all other business enterprises will be forced to retrench. This will mean of course reduction in wages as well as cur-

tailment of expenditures in other direc A few years ago the railroads of the country were tremendously prosperous. They were unable, in fact, to handle all the traffic offered to them for transportation. Last winter there was a car famine due to the inability of the railroads to meet the demands of shippers. Up to the time of the financial flurry in the fall the railroads were still prosperous, although there was a falling off in net earnings. Recent reports received here indicate that the business of the railroads has slackened percentibly during the last few months. For example, at a recent hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission it was brought out that in the month of January one of the big systems in the East had not made enough

to pay its fixed charges. Railway managers say frankly that if improvement in business does not soon manifest itself there must be a reduction in the cost of operation. Wages, it is believed, would be the first item of expenditure cut

down by the carriers. The impression was created some weeks ago, as a result of a characteristic letter and order of President Roosevelt, that the railroads of the United States, acting in concert, had given notice of an intention to reduce the wages of their employees. The President directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate and report the reasons therefor. It was developed that not a single big system in the East or a big road in the West or far West had any intention at the time of reducing wages and that retrenchment of this kind was confined to roads in the southeastern territory, namely, the Louisville and Nashville. the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern The Louisville and Nashville and the Atlantic Coast Line have since caused it to be made known, it is understood, that for the present, at least, their present wage scales will be maintained.

The differences between the Southern and its employees will be settled by mediation or arbitration under the provisions of the Erdmann arbitration act. Hearings in this proceeding will be held here Tuesday before Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Charles F. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, the officials empowered to act under the Erdmann law. Approximately 40,000 men are interested in the outcome of these nego

PARALYZED WHILE DANCING. Young Woman Falls at 2 A. M. in a Hall in Brooklyn-Her Condition Serious.

Mary Osler of 1027 Bushwick avenue Williamsburg, is in the Eastern District Hospital partly paralyzed. With a party of friends she went to a hall at Driggs avenue and North Eighth street Saturday night and danced almost continuo About 2 o'clock yesterday morning while on the dancing floor she suddenly col and the incident put a temporary end to the amusement.

The young woman was unable to get on her feet and an ambulance was summoned from the Eastern District Hospital. Dr. Oginz discovered that Miss Osler was paravzed in the entire lower part of her body from her hips. He removed her at once to the hospital, where doctors on a further examination decided that the continuous dancing had caused an injury to the spine and brought on the paralysis. Miss Osier's condition last night was regarded as scri-ous. She is 26 years old.

BOMB DAMAGE IN BROOKLYN. Front of a Store Blown Out After Black Hand Letters Were Ignored.

The entire front of the grocery of Frank and Antonio Galilano at 124 Roebling street. Williamsburg, was blown out early yesterday morning by what is believed to been a bomb. The explosive was placed in a coal box at the show window and when it exploded it tore the box into fragments. wrecked the store front and caused so much excitement in the neighborhood that the reserves from the Bedford avenue police

station were turned out.

The Galilano brothers, who live in the rear rooms, were stunned by the force of the explosion but not otherwise injured. They told the police they had received Black Hand letters in which demands for money were made but had becomed them. viding for all daylight saloons, beginning at the new municipal year in May. The told the police they had received hours for opening at closing are 7 A. M. Hand letters in which demands for m and 7 P. M. and the lice are fee is to be \$1,500. were made but had ignored them all.